

SUMMARY

HA-1526

Erwin-Lauck House
3315 Rocks Chrome Hill Road
Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

Built by Thomas Erwin between 1879 and 1900, this 2-story clapboard house has retained evidence of a former modest elegance, in spite of being badly vandalized in the past 20 years. The small-scale center hall plan, beaded vertical board wainscot, and window and door trim with mitred pediments on the interior bespeak certain aspirations for this house that distinguish it from others of this type.

The present owner plans to restore the house.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Erwin-Lauck House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION (Southeast side of Rocks Chrome Hill Rd., West of MD Rt. 24)

STREET & NUMBER

3315 Rocks Chrome Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

near Forest Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Deidre Lauck

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

R. 1437 Sharon Acres Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21050**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

MD 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☒ DETERIORATED
☐ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Erwin-Lauch House

This 2-story frame clapboard house in badly-deteriorated condition, is located on the Southeast side of Rocks Chrome Hill Road, just West of the intersection with Rocks Rd. (Md. Rt. 24).

Facing Northeast - or North for the purposes of this description, this gable-roofed house is set into a bank on a stone foundation so the South side has a full ground story. The house is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep with a 1-story shed-roofed addition on the East, measuring 34'10" (or 26' without the addition) by 18'5". With 2 interior end brick chimenys, the gable roof has a boxed cornice and gable returns. Most windows have lost their sash, although at least 2 first story windows have retained their 6/6 sash and at least 2 second story windows have retained their 2/2 sash; all have narrow beaded trim. The main entrance is in the center bay of the North side, with an additional entrance in the North side of the addition.

The interior has a center hall plan, with a staircase extending the full width of the hall. Most of the woodwork is missing now, although the eastern room has vertical beaded board panelling around the door and a cupboard in the chimney breast. The eastern room has a beaded vertical board wainscot around most of the room (including the chimney breast) and the windows, doors and niche South of the fireplace have trim with a mitered pediment. There are holes for stove flues in both chimney breasts.

The 2nd story has 3 bedrooms with plain wide trim, hewn floor joists, and circular sawn lath. The attic has straight sawn joists and sawn rafters butted together. The basement contains a fireplace of cut stone in the east wall and has hewn posts and at least some hewn joists.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although architectural evidence is ambiguous, historical records indicate that the Erwin-Lauck frame house was built between 1879 and 1900 by Thomas Erwin. In 1879 Erwin purchased a 35 acre lot of the 80 acre property that had belonged to Corbin Street at his death in 1874.¹ (This may be part of the tract "David's Hope", patented to David Tate in 1794.) He paid \$340 for this and twenty years later sold it for \$450 to John C. Ayers, who the next year sold back to Erwin the parcel "whereon Thomas Erwin now resided".² Two months later Thomas Erwin conveyed the 35 acres to Lenora A. Hazlett for \$550.³

Although the house is now in badly-deteriorated condition, remnants of a former modest elegance are still apparent. The trim with mitered pediments and beaded board wainscot in the East room, the beaded board panelling in the West room, the small-scale center hall plan, the gable returns on the exterior...all bespeak certain aspirations for the house that distinguish it from other late 19th century 3 bay by 2 bay gable-roofed clapboard houses.

The current owner intends to resuscitate the house.

1. ALJ 39/256
2. WSF 99/253
3. WSF 100/28

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will, & equity records of Harford County
 1878 Martenet's Map
 DNR Forms for Rocks State Park, John Hnedak

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Natalie Shivers

ORGANIZATION

Harford Co. Dept. of Planning & Zoning

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

7/80

DATE

879-2000x207

TELEPHONE

STATE

Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

ERWIN-LAUCK HOUSE

Title Search HA-1526

1. 1106/1045 Oct 16, 1979 Grantor: H. Reuben Leypoldt, Trustee
Grantee: Deidra Lauc & Diana Bierman
Acreage: 25.64 A.
2. 946/995 Nov 1, 1973 Grantor: Lee N. Koehler
Grantee: H. Reuben Leypoldt, Trustee
Acreage: 25.64 A.
3. 946/992 Nov 1, 1973 Grantor: H. Reuben & Mary C.M. Leypoldt
Grantee: Lee N. Koehler
Acreage: 25.64 A.
4. 529/472 July 1, 1959 Grantor: Roland Benjamin Ayres & Ester C. Ayres
Grantee: H. Reuben & Mary C. M. Leypoldt
Acreage: 25.64 A.
5. GCB 257/173 July 31, 1939 Grantor: Jarrettsville Bldg. Assoc.
Grantee: Roland B. & Esther C. Ayers
Acreage: 29 A.
6. SWC 246/111 May 26, 1937 Grantor: Philip H. Close, Ass. (Mort. foreclosure)
Grantee: Jarrettsville Bldg. Assoc.
7. DGW 215/82 Jan 16, 1930 Mortgagor: Lillian & Arthur King
Mortgagee: Mattie C. Ayers
Sum: \$575
Acreage: 29 A.
8. DGW 213/453 Dec 28, 1929 Grantor: Mattie C. Ayers
Grantee: Lillian & Arthur King
Acreage: 29 A.
9. DGW 186/117 Dec 15, 1923 Grantor: Lenora A. & Galbreath Boughter
Grantee: Mattie C. Ayers
Acreage: 35 A. & 15 A. 3R 26P
10. WSF 100/28 May 22, 1900 Grantor: Thomas Erwin
Grantee: Lenora A. Hazlett
Sum: \$550
Acreage: 35 A.
11. WSF 99/253 Mar 24, 1900 Grantor: John C. Ayers & wife
Grantee: Thomas Erwin
Sum: \$484
Acreage: 35 A. "whereon Thomas Erwin now resides"

ERWIN-LAUCH HOUSE

Title Search (con't)
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12. WSF 96/273	May 30, 1899	Grantor: Thomas Erwin Grantee: John C. Ayres Sum: \$450 Acreage: 35 A.
13. ALJ 39/256	Aug 16, 1879	Grantor: Joseph M. Streett, Trustee Grantee: Thomas Erwin Sum: \$340 Acreage: 34 A 1 R 4 P, Lot #2 on plat

Orphans Court Records #3837 Aug. 19, 1873
Settlement of Corbin Street's estate
Real estate: 80 A. valued at \$1100
Personal inventory: \$214.80

Will Records CWB 7/1040 1859
Will of Thomas Streett, Sr.
personal and real estate devised to son, Corbin Streett

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Erwin-Lauck House
Forest Hill, Md. 21050
Natalie Shivers
July, 1980
North